

## House Resolution No. 804

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

**Whereas**, fifty years ago Jackie D. Sumpter, Sr., took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Ruth E. Noah, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on February 26, 1955, at the home of the Reverend Searcy White of Higbee; and

**Whereas**, five decades later Jackie and Ruth Sumpter of rural Higbee observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on Saturday, February 26, 2005, at Stacey's Dinner Bell in Huntsville; and

**Whereas**, the marital union of Jackie and Ruth Sumpter has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their children, Charles and Judy Mudd of Athen, Alabama, Mark and Phyllis Rodgers of Bryan, Texas, Jack and Nancy Sumpter, Jr., of Madison, David and Debbie Mattox of Moberly, and John and Karen Janssen of Higbee; a son-in-law, Danny Williams, who died while on active duty in the military; twelve grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Jackie and Ruth Sumpter also have sponsored four exchange students and been active members of their local community through the Salvation Army and other venues; and

**Whereas**, Jackie and Ruth Sumpter used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Jackie and Ruth Sumpter during momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Jackie and Ruth Sumpter and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Jackie and Ruth Sumpter of Higbee, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Therese Sander  
District No. 22

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 804, adopted February 28, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker